



Congress created a program to help you purchase a new, more fuel efficient vehicle when you trade in a less fuel efficient vehicle. This program, the Car Allowance Rebate System (CARS), will give you money to trade in cars that meet certain requirements. The following information is from cars.gov, where you can find [frequently asked questions](#) and much more about this program.

Here are the basic requirements:

- Your vehicle must be less than 25 years old on the trade-in date
- Only purchase or lease of new vehicles qualify
- Generally, trade-in vehicles must get 18 or less MPG (some very large pick-up trucks and cargo vans have different requirements)
 - Trade-in vehicles must be registered and insured continuously for the full year preceding the trade-in
 - You don't need a voucher, dealers will apply a credit at purchase
 - Program runs through Nov 1, 2009 or when the funds are exhausted, whichever comes first.
- The program requires the scrapping of your eligible trade-in vehicle, and that the dealer disclose to you an estimate of the scrap value of your trade-in. The scrap value, however minimal, will be in addition to the rebate, and not in place of the rebate.

Again, for more information visit cars.gov or call our office at (800)964-4699 or (419) 259-7500.